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SUBJECT: VIKTOR LOUIS PLANS TO VISIT MOZAMBIQUE,
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SUMMARY: SOVIET "JOURNALIST" VIKTOR LOUIS HAS RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, PERU, GALAPAGOS AND TAHITI, AND PLANS TO VISIT SOON MOZAMBIQUE, THE SEYCHELLES AND THE MALDIVES. LOUIS' TRAVELS TO THESE LATTER STATES MAY RELATE TO POSSIBLE SOVIET SEARCH FOR NAVAL FACILITIES IN INDIAN OCEAN AREA. SIGNED PRAVDA ARTICLE POSITIVELY TREATS SOVIET-SEYCHELLES RELATIONS, INCLUDING SOVIET AID IN FISHERIES AREA, AND SEYCHELLES ADVANCES ALONG "NATIONAL-DEMOCRATIC" PATH. END SUMMARY.

1. VIKTOR LOUIS HAS TOLD A WESTERN JOURNALIST HERE THAT HE INTENDS TO TRAVEL IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO MOZAMBIQUE AND PERHAPS TO SOME OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES AS WELL. HE WILL THEN VISIT THE SEYCHELLES AND THE MALDIVES VIA COLOMBO. LOUIS TOLD SOURCE THAT HE HAD PLANNED TO CONTINUE HIS TRIP INTO PACIFIC AREA BUT HAD PROBLEMS ACQUIRING VISAS (HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY THE SOLOMAN ISLANDS).

2. LOUIS ALSO INFORMED THAT HE RECENTLY TRAVELED WITH HIS FAMILY TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, PERU, THE GALAPAGOS AND TAHITI. HE JOKED THAT HE WAS REFUSED A VISA FOR TAHITI BUT HID IN THE AIRPORT RESTROOM UNTIL HIS AIRCRAFT LEFT. THE FRENCH HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ALLOW HIM TO STAY ON UNTIL THE NEXT CONFIDENTIAL

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WEEKLY FLIGHT, ALTHOUGH IT BANNED HIM FROM TRAVELING TO CERTAIN NEARBY ISLANDS.

3. COMMENT: IN THE PAST, SOVIETS HAVE SENT VIKTOR LOUIS ABROAD TO "SNIFF" THE ATMOSPHERE AND REPORT BACK TO MOSCOW. HIS UPCOMING TRIP TO MOZAMBIQUE, THE SEYCHELLES AND THE MALDIVES MAY BE RELATED TO POSSIBLE SOVIET HOPES TO ACQUIRE NAVAL FACILITIES IN THESE AREAS. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEE POSTS MAY BE ABLE TO PICK UP ON HIS ACTIVITIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS.

4. AUGUST 23 PRAVDA CARRIES ARTICLE ON SEYCHELLES SIGNED BY PRAVDA ADDIS ABABA SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT V. I. KOROVIKOV. KOROVIKOV DESCRIBES HIS RECENT VISIT TO SEYCHELLES, INCLUDING INTERVIEWS WITH GOVERNMENT MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND EDUCATION. KOROVIKOV PORTRAYS SEYCHELLES GOVERNMENT AS:
-- BACKING INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLES IN AFRICA AND WORKING TO ESTABLISH AND WIDEN RELATIONS WITH "THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES;"
-- CONTINUING THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE "COLONIAL

LEGACY" BY (QUOTING PRESIDENT RENE) THE PEOPLES' PROGRESSIVE FRONT, "THE VANGUARD OF THE PEOPLE." ARTICLE DESCRIBES POSITIVELY GOVERNMENT EFFORTS IN THE FIELDS OF LAND REFORM, EDUCATION, FISHERIES AND NOTES SOVIET ASSISTANCE IN LATTER AREA BASED ON JUNE AGREEMENT SIGNED IN VICTORIA.

ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY HOLDING THAT SEYCHELLES EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT "THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM IN OUR TIME IS NOT CONFINED TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE" BUT IS PROGRESSIVELY DEVELOPING INTO "NATIONAL-DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENTS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

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